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cc - Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Baumgardner
Mr. Williams

SAC, Atlanta

December 13, 1956

Director, FBI

PERSONAL ATTENTION

CITIZENS COUNCILS
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Although reports have been submitted to the Department on all citizens councils concerning which we have conducted investigations and inquiries to date, the Department has indicated the activities of these organizations do not fall within the purview of Executive Order 10450. In view of this fact, there is no basis upon which to base justification for further inquiry. Therefore, you are instructed to immediately discontinue inquiries concerning all citizens councils upon receipt of this letter. It is your responsibility to also immediately notify auxiliary offices of the discontinuance of the investigation.

In order that the Bureau may continue to carry out its responsibilities of keeping interested Government agencies informed of information of interest to them, you must continue your efforts to keep abreast of developments in order that the Bureau may be apprised of any situation which indicates a potential for violence. In obtaining information, however, absolutely no inquiries are to be made by you. You must secure the desired information through close scrutiny of the public press plus whatever information may be volunteered to you.

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NOTE ON YELLOW: See memo Belmont to Boardman, 12-13-56, FJB:CFW:gft, same caption.

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With respect to the use of confidential informants, I want it clearly understood that no informant is to be given any assignment in connection with obtaining information regarding the activities of citizens councils without prior Bureau authority. If you have a confidential informant already reporting on citizens councils matters you may continue to accept information volunteered by the informant but you must not give him any additional assignments in this field. If you feel it is necessary for some specific reason to continue an informant in a particular citizens council you must immediately advise the Bureau, together with the identity of the informant, his reliability and your assurance that continued operation of the informant will not result in any embarrassment to the Bureau.

Each office receiving copies of this letter must submit to the Bureau a monthly summary of information concerning the activities of citizens councils in your respective territories. The first such letter is to be submitted to reach the Bureau by January 15, 1957, and each succeeding letter must be submitted to reach the Bureau by the fifteenth of each month. This summary, which shall consist of an original and seven copies, must be submitted in memorandum form suitable for dissemination and forwarded to the Bureau by cover letter. These summary memoranda and your cover letter must bear the caption "Citizens Councils, (name of field office)". Each of these summary memoranda must also be dated.

As in the past, information received concerning citizens councils which requires expeditious handling must not be delayed for inclusion in the monthly summary but must be furnished to the Bureau promptly by whatever means of communication is required by the nature of the information.

Letter to SAC, Atlanta
Re: CITIZENS COUNCILS

This matter must receive your personal attention and it is your responsibility, insofar as is possible, to see to it that the Bureau will continue to be in a position to furnish pertinent information concerning potential violence to interested Government agencies.

With respect to the administrative handling of current cases, you should submit a closing report within 30 days from the date of this letter. This report should incorporate any information which has been obtained to date not previously reported. If there is very little information to be reported, you may at your discretion submit a closing letter. On the administrative page of the closing report or in the closing letter make reference to this letter in order that the administrative handling at the Seat of Government may be facilitated.

The fact that we are discontinuing our inquiries concerning citizens councils is not to be discussed or made known in any manner to anyone outside your own office. This includes your confidential informants.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: January 15, 1957

FROM : SAC, NORFOLK (105-New)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS' COUNCILS
NORFOLK DIVISION

Rebulet to Atlanta, 12/13/56 and captioned Citizens' Councils, IS-X.

The Citizens' Councils and similar organization files of this office have been reviewed and no information of a pertinent nature is available for inclusion in a summary as requested in relet.

It is noted that during the month of December, 1956, reports were written in the cases entitled Defenders of State Sovereignty and Individual Liberties, IS-X, (Bufile 105-32909) and Citizens' Councils of America, IS-X, (Bufile 105-46604).

It is further noted that during the month of November, 1956, a report was written in the case entitled Citizens' Councils of Virginia, IS-X, (Bufile 105-49006).

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-34237 Sub 56) DATE: February 14, 1957

FROM : SAC, NORFOLK (105-306)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
NORFOLK DIVISION
IS - X

Rebulet to Atlanta, 12/13/56 and captioned Citizens Councils, IS-X.
Remylet 1/15/57

The Citizens Councils and similar organization files of this Division have been reviewed and no information of a pertinent nature is available for inclusion in summary.

It is noted that Source of Information [redacted] [redacted] has furnished info regarding Council activities within the Richmond Division, which has been furnished that Division for inclusion in a future summary. b6 b7C b7D

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

*In Reply, Please Refer to File No.*

Norfolk, Virginia

March 14, 1957

CITIZENS COUNCILS

On March 5, 1957, a confidential informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available a four-page pamphlet entitled, "MIXED SCHOOLS AND MIXED BLOOD," by HERBERT RAVENEL SASS. The pamphlet was issued by the Norfolk Chapter, Defenders of State Sovereignty and Individual Liberties, Post Office Box 1503, Norfolk, Virginia, and is a reprint from THE ATLANTIC MONTHLY, issue of November 1956. The pamphlet was obtained by the confidential informant from a Naval Officer, who received the pamphlet through the mail.

A mimeographed sheet accompanied the pamphlet which sheet reflected that 10,000 copies of the pamphlet had been printed and would be distributed locally. The sheet also requested donations in any amount to aid in the fight against the un-Christian and un-American mongrelization schemes of "integration."

The Defenders of State Sovereignty and Individual Liberties was incorporated by the Virginia State Corporation Commission on October 26, 1954, with principal office to be located at Richmond, Virginia.

On June 12, 1956, an advertisement appeared in the NORFOLK LEDGER DISPATCH, a daily newspaper of general circulation, which advertisement was published in the form of an application blank for the Defenders of State Sovereignty and Individual Liberties. The blank reflected in part: "I believe the segregation of the races is a right of the State Government; in the sovereignty of the several states, and in the freedom of the individual from Government control."

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (105-34237 Sub 56) DATE: 3/14/57

FROM : SAC, Norfolk (105-306)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
NORFOLK DIVISION
IS - X

ReBulet to Atlanta 12/13/56 captioned "CITIZENS COUNCILS, IS-X," and remylet 2/14/57.

On 3/5/57, [redacted] Norfolk, Va., a security source of information, furnished a copy of a four-page pamphlet captioned "MIXED SCHOOLS AND MIXED BLOOD" by HERBERT RAVENEL SASS. The pamphlet is described in the accompanying summary.

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[redacted] advised that he had received the pamphlet from a Naval Officer who had received it in the mail.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-34237-Sub 56) DATE: 4/11/57

FROM SAC, NORFOLK (105-306)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
NORFOLK DIVISION
IS - X

Re Bureau letter to Atlanta, dated 12/13/56, captioned "CITIZENS COUNCILS, IS-X." Remylet dated 3/14/57.

The CITIZENS COUNCILS and similar organization files of this division have been reviewed and no information of a pertinent nature is available for inclusion in summary.

It is noted that Norfolk submitted a blank memo dated 4/3/57, regarding a pro-segregation organization, which memo was submitted under the caption, [redacted] [redacted] INFORMATION CONCERNING (INTERNAL SECURITY)." b6 b7C
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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-34237-Sub 56)

DATE: May 14, 1957

FROM : SAC, NORFOLK (105-306)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
NORFOLK DIVISION
IS-X

Re Bureau letter to Atlanta, dated 12/13/56, captioned "Citizen's Councils, IS-X". Remylet 4/11/57.

The Citizens Councils and similar organization files of this division have been reviewed and no information of a pertinent nature is available for inclusion in summary.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (105-34237-sub 56) DATE: 10/25/57

FROM : SAC, Norfolk (105-306)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
IS - X

ReBuLet 10/9/57.

The Norfolk Division presently has one Citizens Council case wherein this office is origin. Reference is made to report of SA HARRY L. McCARTHY dated 11/10/56, Norfolk, captioned "Citizens Council of Newport News, Va., aka Peninsula Citizens Council, IS - X." Reference is also made to my letter 12/21/56 in that case.

Norfolk has also had some activity in the case entitled "Defenders of State Sovereignty and Individual Liberties, IS - X," Richmond origin, which is an organization similar to a Citizens Council.

Federal Judge WALTER E. HOFFMAN, EDVA, has indicated he would not request integration of Norfolk and Newport News, Va., public schools during the middle of a school year, and such integration will in all probability take place in Sept. 1958. The Norfolk Catholic High School was integrated in Sept. 1956 without incident, and approximately 15 negroes are presently attending there.

The above reflects the over-all picture in the Norfolk area.

Norfolk has six Sources of Information - Security, three in Norfolk and one each in Portsmouth, Suffolk, and Newport News, Va., who are in a position to furnish information of this nature. Files of these individuals will be reviewed and a determination made as to whether they should be approached with Bureau approval.

The publication, "The Virginian," an anti-integration magazine [redacted] is being obtained monthly and is being forwarded to Central Research. Its receipt and close scrutiny will continue.

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Agents will be requested to be alert for trustworthy individuals who would be in a position to furnish information in these matters, and especially in Councils of a strictly local nature.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (105-34237-Sub 56) DATE: 11/25/57

FROM : SAC, Norfolk (105-306)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
~~IS-X~~

ReBulet 10/9/57 and mylet 10/25/57.

The cases captioned "CITIZENS COUNCIL OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, aka Peninsula Citizens Council, IS-X", Norfolk file 105-287, Bufile unknown; "DEFENDERS OF STATE SOVEREIGNTY AND INDIVIDUAL LIBERTIES, IS-X", Norfolk file 105-236, Bufile 105-32909; "VIRGINIA LEAGUE, INC., aka Virginia League, IS-X", Norfolk file 105-237, Bufile 105-38960, are all being opened for review, in an effort to establish appropriate coverage of these organizations, in accordance with instructions in Bulet dated 10/9/57.

In addition, the file of Source of Information [redacted] Norfolk file [redacted] has been reopened for review to determine feasibility of recontact, with Bureau authority, in view of his extensive knowledge in this field. b6 b7C b7D

Files of Norfolk's Sources of Information are also being reviewed, and agents have been alerted to the necessity of review of public source material regarding citizens councils and like organizations.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (105-34237-Sub 56) DATE: 12/27/57

FROM: SAC, Norfolk (105-306)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
IS - X

ReBulet 10/9/57 and mylet 11/25/57.

The three Citizens Council cases referred to in relet 11/25/57 are still in the process of being reviewed.

The file of Source of Information [redacted] has been reviewed and by letter dated 12/17/57 the Bureau was requested to authorize recontact of [redacted] It is believed [redacted] will furnish considerable information regarding Citizens Councils and similar organizations if authority is granted to contact him. b6 b7C b7D

Public information sources continue to be carefully reviewed.

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CITIZENS COUNCILS
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Reurlets dated November 25, 1957, and December 27, 1957.

In your letter of November 25, 1957, you advised files on three citizens council organizations were being opened for review in an effort to establish coverage in those organizations. In relet of December 27, 1957, you advised these three files are still in the process of being reviewed.

Inasmuch as you have advised previously that integration will possibly take place in Norfolk and Newport News public schools in September, 1958, it is imperative that sufficient coverage be obtained in citizens councils to insure that the Bureau receives in advance information indicating contemplated violent activities or violations of laws within the Bureau's jurisdiction. Until such time as the Bureau can be assured that your coverage will guarantee receipt of this information it is considered to be inadequate.

The next letter submitted by your office should show productive results of efforts to obtain sources in these organizations. This matter will be followed closely.

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# Office Memorandum · UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (105-34237-Sub 56) DATE: 1/23/58

FROM : SAC, Norfolk (105-306)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
IS-X

ReBulet 10/9/57, mylet 12/27/57, and Bulets 1/7/58 and 1/13/58.

By letter dated 12/27/57, the Bureau advised that authorization to recontact Source of Information [redacted] would not be granted at this time. b6 b7C b7D

On 1/3/58, while talking to SAC Contact [redacted] Norfolk "Journal and Guide", Negro newspaper, on another matter, he exhibited considerable knowledge concerning the Citizens Council movement. Although Mr. [redacted] is a member of a minority group, he, as a member of the opposition, is in a position to furnish information in this regard. A separate letter is being submitted re authorization to contact [redacted] b6 b7C

On 1/14/58 [redacted] with residence in Norfolk, presently occupied as a [redacted] advised that he had been contacted to join the DEFENDERS OF STATE SOVEREIGNTY AND INDIVIDUAL LIBERTIES organization (Bufile 105-32909). He also advised he could furnish the names of the officers of the organization. Information will be accepted from [redacted] if offered; however, no request for contact with him is being made, in view of recent activities on his part. b6 b7C

From review of files of the three Citizens Council organizations which have been active in Norfolk area, it was noted that one has been disbanded.

2-Bureau (Registered)
2-Richmond (105-732) (Registered)
5-Norfolk (105-306) (1 cc each for 105-287, 105-237, 105-236, [redacted] b7D
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NF 105-306

Re: VIRGINIA LEAGUE, INC.
IS-X
(Bufile 105-38960)

An article from the 3/13/57 issue of NEWPORT NEWS TIMES HERALD, a general circulation paper, reflects that WILLIAM STEPHENSON, former president of the organization, in answer to a subpoena to appear before the Boatwright Committee, advised that the VIRGINIA LEAGUE was disbanded in early 1957 in favor of the PENINSULA CITIZENS COUNCIL.

[redacted] in the past has stated that the VIRGINIA LEAGUE is a paper organization. The publication of "The Virginian", a monthly magazine, has been taken over by him as a private individual, and copies are being regularly obtained.

Re: CITIZENS COUNCIL OF NEWPORT NEWS,
aka Peninsula Citizens Council
IS-X
(Bufile unknown)

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No information has come to the attention of this office regarding this organization since March 1957, when a neighborhood organizational meeting was held 3/26/57 in Hampton, Va.

[redacted] in this organization and has offered no information in this case as a Source of Information.

Efforts are being made to determine if this organization is still in existence.

Re: DEFENDERS OF STATE SOVEREIGNTY AND
INDIVIDUAL LIBERTIES, aka Defenders of
State Sovereignty and Individual Liberty
IS-X
(Bufile 105-32909)

This organization is active in Norfolk to the extent that they now have an office located at 4501 Colley Avenue, Norfolk, and sponsor an evening 10-minute radio program on a local radio station.

[redacted], are the moving forces behind this organization in Norfolk. A separate letter has been prepared re contact with an individual in connection with DSSIL.

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# Office Memorandum · UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (105-34237-Sub 56) DATE: 2/24/58

FROM : SAC, Norfolk (105-306)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
IS-X

ReBulet 10/9/57 and mylet 1/23/58.

By letter dated 2/5/58, Bureau advised that authorization to contact [redacted], SAC Contact, regarding the DEFENDERS OF STATE SOVEREIGNTY AND INDIVIDUAL LIBERTIES organization (Bufile 105-32909) was denied.

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On 1/29/58 [redacted] advised that on that date he was joining the Norfolk Chapter, DEFENDERS OF STATE SOVEREIGNTY AND INDIVIDUAL LIBERTIES. He advised he was joining as a patriotic duty and would furnish this office literature and information as he obtains it. He advised that cost of membership was $10.00, which he was bearing himself. As mentioned in relet 1/23/58, information will be accepted from [redacted] if offered; however, no assignments will be given him.

A letter is being prepared under Defenders caption requesting Bureau authority to approach [redacted] who was named in Aug. 1955 as a possible member of that organization, and who is a fellow church member of and personally known to SA [redacted] who will make the contact, if approved by the Bureau.

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On 1/28/58 Source of Information [redacted] advised SA HARRY L. MC CARTHY that the Peninsula Citizens Council of Newport News, Va., would not assist the Ku Klux Klan. Herein was first information that this organization still existed. Attempts are being made to determine identity of members of this organization, so Bureau authorization can be obtained to approach certain members. P.

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2-Bureau (Registered)
1-Richmond (info.) (Registered) (info. copy, in view of interest this matter)

1-Norfolk 105-306
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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (105-34237-Sub 56) DATE: 3/26/58

FROM : SAC, Norfolk (105-306)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
IS-X

ReBulet 10/9/57 and mylet 2/24/58.

By letter dated 3/15/58 and captioned "DEFENDERS OF STATE SOVEREIGNTY AND INDIVIDUAL LIBERTIES, IS-X", Bufile 105-32909, Norfolk advised of successful interview with Defenders member [redacted] and he is being considered a source of this office. b6 b7C

A letter has been forwarded under Defenders caption requesting Bureau authority to approach [redacted], who is a brother of [redacted] [redacted] named in past as [redacted] Norfolk Chapter of Defenders. It is believed [redacted] is a member of Defenders, and he is personally known to an agent of this office. b6 b7C

No information has been received to date from former SA [redacted] [redacted] re Defenders organization.

On 3/20/58 Source of Information [redacted] furnished SA's HARRY L. MC CARTHY and [redacted] information regarding officers and organization of PENINSULA CITIZENS COUNCIL, Newport News, Va., which will be reported by letterhead memorandum captioned "PENINSULA CITIZENS COUNCIL, IS-X". b6 b7C b7D

Efforts are being made to determine identity of person within PENINSULA CITIZENS COUNCIL who could be approached with Bureau approval to furnish information regarding that organization. It is realized that selection of such an individual must be given considerable care, in that the person approached may inform [redacted] of the organization, which may in turn jeopardize this office's receipt of any further information from [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

It is noted [redacted] is most likely of opinion if information is sought regarding PENINSULA CITIZENS COUNCIL, he can furnish any information needed, in view of his position. Possibility exists that he will resent approaching any rank and file members of [redacted] organization.

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1-Norfolk (105-306)
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1 - Mr. Williams

SAC, Norfolk (105-306) April 7, 1958

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CITIZENS COUNCILS
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Reurlet dated March 26, 1958.

As you were advised in Bulet dated December 27, 1957, no contact is to be made with [redacted] however, any information he volunteers should be accepted. [redacted] should no longer be considered a source of information of your office.

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You advised in relet that in the event other individuals in the Peninsula Citizens Council are contacted [redacted] may resent such action which in turn may jeopardize receipt of further information from [redacted] Your office should not rely on [redacted] to any extent but should take appropriate action to secure other coverage of this organization. In the event at a later date it becomes necessary to contact sources for the purpose of determining specific information [redacted] could not be so contacted due to the above-mentioned Bureau instructions.

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It is expected that your office will take appropriate action promptly to secure additional coverage in the Peninsula Citizens Council.

1 - Bufile [redacted]
NOTE ON YELLOW:

In October, 1957, a program was initiated to develop coverage in citizens councils. Norfolk requested authority to utilize [redacted] By let 12/27/57 Norfolk was advised that he should not be contacted for information inasmuch as allegations had been previously received indicating he may have [redacted] and that he had been indiscreet. In relet Norfolk refers to [redacted] as a source of information. Due to his background and the fact that the Bureau has previously instructed that he not be contacted, Norfolk is being advised to no longer consider him a source.

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TO : Director, FBI (105-34237-Sub 56) DATE: 4/26/58

FROM : SAC, Norfolk (105-306)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
IS-X

ReBulet 10/9/57 and mylet 3/26/58.

Following are steps being taken to expand coverage in council and council-type organizations:

[redacted] was interviewed on 4/11/58 and he advised he is not a member of the DEFENDERS OF STATE SOVEREIGNTY AND INDIVIDUAL LIBERTIES and could furnish no information regarding the organization. Details regarding his interview are set out in current letter under Defenders of State Sovereignty and Individual Liberties' caption, Bufile 105-32909. This letter also requests Bureau authority to contact [redacted] Norfolk, in connection with the Defenders of State Sovereignty and Individual Liberties. b6 b7C

A letter is being prepared under the caption "PENINSULA CITIZENS COUNCIL, IS-X", Bufile 100-209535, which will request Bureau authority to contact [redacted] [redacted] of the council. It is noted she is wife of [redacted] of the council. b6 b7C

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (105-34237-56) DATE: 5/23/58

FROM : SAC, Norfolk (105-306)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
IS-X

ReBulet to Richmond dated 5/15/58.

Norfolk plans to substantially increase the number of persons for whom authority is requested to interview. This increase is already evident, in that letters under the caption "DEFENDERS OF STATE SOVEREIGNTY AND INDIVIDUAL LIBERTIES, IS-X", Bufile 105-32909, have been submitted on the following persons:

[redacted]

[redacted]

Letters are in preparation on:

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Bureau authority has been received to interview [redacted] Peninsula Citizens Council, Bufile 105-53030. Following evaluation of her interview, further requests will be submitted for this organization.

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In addition to increasing tempo of interviews to be conducted, the public source material is being reviewed for lead purposes in conducting further interviews.

The following organizations are active within the Norfolk Division:

Peninsula Citizens Council
Newport News, Va.

On 3/20/58 [redacted] and a former Source of Information, advised the group comprises approximately 100 families or a membership of 240 to 250 persons.

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Defenders of State Sovereignty and Individual Liberties (DSSIL)
Norfolk, Va., Chapter

This, according to [redacted] Source of Information, covers Norfolk, Portsmouth, Newport News, Hampton, Warwick, and Suffolk, Va.

The membership of this group is estimated at 300.

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SAC, Richmond

May 15, 1958

Director, FBI(105-34237-41) PERSONAL ATTENTION

CITIZENS COUNCILS
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

ReBulet October 9, 1957, instituting a program for development of coverage in citizens councils and Bulet February 17, 1958, in which Richmond and Norfolk were instructed to take affirmative steps immediately to secure coverage in citizens councils in Arlington and Prince Edward Counties, Charlottesville, Norfolk and Newport News, the five areas in Virginia in which racial trouble may most likely occur.

This letter is to put the SACs in Richmond and Norfolk on notice that the Bureau is very much concerned about the coverage developed to date in citizens councils in the areas mentioned above. In the past seven months Norfolk has developed one source who is a member of a citizens council in the Norfolk area. No coverage has been developed in the Newport News area. During the same period of time Richmond has developed four sources who are citizens council members. One source is in the Charlottesville area and another in Prince Edward County; however, the latter source is Chief of Police in Farmville, Virginia, and in the event citizens council members in that area contemplate resorting to violence he would undoubtedly not be made aware of this planned action due to his position. Richmond has no coverage in Arlington County. This is a situation which the Bureau cannot and will not tolerate. In view of the impending racial difficulties in your territories it is inconceivable that steps have not been taken previously to obtain coverage desired by the Bureau.

This matter must receive the personal attention of the SACs in Richmond and Norfolk. The necessary steps to improve your coverage of citizens councils must be pushed vigorously and you will be held personally responsible for achieving results. In the monthly letter

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SAC, Richmond
Re: Citizens Councils
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due at the Bureau May 25, 1958, submit specific steps being taken and contemplated to supplement your coverage. Include the names of all citizens councils active in the five areas mentioned above and the estimated membership of each.

Be assured that this matter will be followed closely at the Bureau.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

The five areas mentioned above have been involved in litigation concerning desegregation of schools. Information available shows that more than likely there will be integration in these five areas in September, 1958. There is every reason to believe such integration will be resisted and the possibility strongly exists that such resistances may be accompanied by acts of violence.

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SA [redacted]

PENINSULA CITIZENS COUNCIL
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ReBulet to Norfolk dated 5/21/58 and Bureau telephone call to Norfolk 6/6/58.

On 5/28/58 [redacted] Road, Newport News, Virginia, was interviewed at her residence by SA ARTHUR E. BYRNES and SA [redacted]

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At the outset of the interview [redacted] was advised that the Bureau has no interest in legitimate activities of the Peninsula Citizens Council or other such organizations but is interested only in violations of laws within the Bureau's jurisdiction, particularly civil rights violations or information concerning possible acts of violence.

[redacted] was asked if she were a member or had ever been a member of the Peninsula Citizens Council (PCC), to which she replied that [redacted] She stated that [redacted]

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[redacted] was asked if we could enlist her aid in advising us of any possibility of violence in connection with the PCC. She then stated that the aim of the PCC was to prevent integration of the races in any form. She related that she and all members of the PCC were opposed to violence in preventing integration, but the organization would do all in its power through legal means to prevent integration.

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[redacted] advised that the PCC has been in existence for over two years, and she [redacted] for the PCC.

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She advised that [redacted] who is employed at the [redacted] Newport News, Virginia, was [redacted] of the PCC, and he has been to a number of Executive Board meetings at the request of some of its members. She related that [redacted] has not attended meetings regularly for the past six or eight months. She stated that she and [redacted] share the same views regarding integration. b6 b7C b7D

At this point [redacted] stated that [redacted] could furnish more information than she could concerning the Council. She was advised that we did not desire to talk to [redacted] at this time, but we might consider talking to him at some other time.

[redacted] was asked if there was a motivating force within the Council which would indicate a tendency toward violence. She stated that the motivating force in the Council was [redacted] She stated that the Executive Board was trying to place [redacted] in the background, since many members of the Council do not approve of many items that appear in "The Virginian", which paper is [redacted] She stated that the Council has not grown as rapidly as the original members had expected, and in her opinion, this is due to the fact that many of the local citizens do not approve of the publication "The Virginian", and many believe that "The Virginian" is a publication backed by the PCC or is actually published by the PCC. b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] stated, however, that she does not believe that [redacted] would resort to violence.

[redacted] volunteered the information that the PCC is an autonomous organization, and at one time representatives from the Defenders of States Rights organization, from Richmond, Va., tried to interest the Executive Board in having the PCC join with them. She stated that the Executive Board did not approve of the Council joining any other organization, since the money taken in by the PCC would all be used at home, where the integration issue exists. [redacted] stated that the "Defenders" tried to impress upon the Executive Board of the Council that the money, which would be placed in the treasury of the parent organization of the "Defenders", should be used where it was most needed at any given time. She advised that the "Defenders" wanted dues of $10.00 per year, and that $7.00 would go to the parent organization, and only $3.00 would stay in the treasury of the local organization. She advised that to her knowledge there have not been any other organizations attempting to control the Council. b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] was quite loquacious and appeared cooperative and volunteered information.

She stated that the Council meets whenever a speaker is arranged for by the Executive Board. She stated the Executive Board holds regular meetings in individual members' homes, and this Board meets at least every other week, believed to be on Tuesday nights.

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[redacted] was asked if there was a publication which would have a tendency to create a desire for violence. She stated there was no official publication of the PCC and stated that there is no headquarters for the Council.

With regard to present activities of the PCC, [redacted] pointed out that prior to the election of the new City Council for the consolidated city of Newport News, Va., which city will be composed of the now existing cities of Newport News and Warwick, (election held on 11/12/57,) the PCC prepared a questionnaire, which was given to each candidate, to determine how each stood on the integration issue. She advised that all of the candidates did not fill out the questionnaire, but those that did complete the questionnaire and indicated they were opposed to integration had their names placed on a leaflet that was distributed by the Council to the voters.

[redacted] was not questioned concerning what might take place in Newport News, Va., in September 1958 when the schools are supposed to be integrated. She, however, mentioned that there could possibly be some tests of court action in September 1958. However, she did not elaborate on this point.

[redacted] was asked who might be a person who is now in the Council that would possibly furnish information to the Bureau on a confidential basis concerning any possible acts of violence or violation of civil rights.

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She stated that she did not know who the officers of the Council are, other than [redacted] of the Council, who is an intimate friend of [redacted]

[redacted] was told that her contact with the FBI should be kept confidential, to which she agreed.

[redacted] stated that she would be willing to assist the Bureau in any way possible.

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SAC, NORFOLK (105-287) 6/6/58

SA ARTHUR E. BYRNES

PENINSULA CITIZENS COUNCIL
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

ReBulet to Norfolk dated 5/21/58 and Bureau telephone call to Norfolk 6/6/58.

On 5/28/58 [redacted] Road, Newport News, Virginia, was interviewed by SA BYRNES and SA [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] was advised that the FBI has no interest in the legitimate activities of the Peninsula Citizens Council (PCC) or any other organization of a similar nature. She was advised that the FBI is interested only in violations of Federal laws, including civil rights violations and possible acts of violence.

[redacted] was asked if she was a member or had ever been a member of the Peninsula Citizens Council. She replied that [redacted] She advised that she [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] was asked if the FBI could enlist her aid in determining if there was any possibility of acts of violence by any members of the PCC. She advised that the aim of the PCC was to prevent integration of the races in any form. She advised that she did not want her children going to school with Negroes. She advised that she knew of no members of the PCC who would perform any acts of violence. She advised that the PCC was opposed to violence but would do all in its power through legal means to prevent integration.

[redacted] advised that the PCC has been in existence over two years. She advised that [redacted] is employed at the [redacted] Newport News, Va. and was [redacted] She advised that [redacted] has been to a number of the Executive Board meetings of the PCC. b6 b7C b7D

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She advised that [redacted] has not attended meetings regularly for over six months. She advised that she and [redacted] have the same views concerning integration. She advised that [redacted] could furnish more information than she could about the PCC. She was advised that it was not desired at this time that we talk to [redacted] but that it might be done at another time.

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[redacted] was asked if there was any individual or group in the PCC that might cause violence. She advised that [redacted] was the motivating force in the Council. She advised that the Executive Board of the PCC was attempting to put [redacted] in the background, as many of the PCC members do not approve of many items which appear in "The Virginian", a newspaper [redacted] She advised that the Council has not grown as rapidly as was expected. She advised this was due to the fact that many local citizens do not approve of "The Virginian". She advised that many local people believe that the PCC backs "The Virginian" or publishes "The Virginian". She advised that she believes that [redacted] would not resort to violence.

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[redacted] advised that the PCC is a local organization. She advised that representatives of the "Defenders of States Rights", Richmond, Va., tried to interest the PCC in joining their organization. She stated the PCC Executive Board did not approve of this, as they wanted the PCC money to be spent locally. She advised that the "Defenders" stressed that money contributed would be spent where it was most needed. She advised that the "Defenders" wanted $10.00 in dues, only three dollars of which would remain locally. She advised that to her knowledge there has been no attempt by outside organizations, other than the "Defenders", to control the PCC.

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[redacted] was loquacious. She advised that the Council met whenever they obtained a speaker. She advised that regular meetings of the Executive Board are held in the homes of members. She stated the meetings are held usually on Tuesday nights and at least every other week.

[redacted] was asked if there was any publication which tended to create violence. She advised that there was none. She advised that most of the PCC members received "The Virginian", but that it was not required that members receive this publication.

She advised that prior to the election of the new City Council for Newport News, Va., the PCC prepared a questionnaire on integration, which was sent to the candidates. She advised that the names of those candidates who indicated they were opposed to integration were placed on a leaflet that was distributed to the voters.

[redacted] was asked who might furnish confidential information to the FBI concerning possible acts of violence or violations of civil rights.

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She advised that the only officer of the PCC she knew was [redacted] and an intimate friend of [redacted]

[redacted] was advised that her conversation with the FBI should remain confidential.

She advised that she would be willing to help the FBI in any possible way.

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# Federal Agents Deny Probe Of 'Trouble Spots'

Unconfirmed reports that agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation were investigating "integration" trouble spots in the Peninsula were emphatically denied today by the officers of the FBI both in Washington and Norfolk.

The Times-Herald received information that a number of residents in this area had been contacted by persons representing themselves as FBI agents. The purpose of the interviews was to determine where the most likely trouble areas would be in the event of school integration in September.

R. N. Hosteny, special-agent-in-charge of the Norfolk office, declared, "No sir, we have no agents conducting any such investigations."

A Washington spokesman for the FBI was more emphatic, stating there was "absolutely no truth" to any such reports and that it looked as "if somebody was using the good name of the FBI" to get information on the future integration situation.

THE WASHINGTON office was perturbed that there was the possibility of persons posing as agents and stated that this was a federal offense.

In commenting on such investigations reported here, it was asked that persons who have been contacted by anyone representing themselves as FBI agents to report this to either this newspaper or the FBI.

"If we could find out who has been contacted," the Washington spokesman said, "then we'll send a real FBI man to see them."

The Washington office sought cooperation of those who have been contacted.

According to reports received by this newspaper, the investigators have asked persons in this area questions concerning The Virginian, a pro-segregation newspaper, privately printed in this area, and the interviewed person's opinion as to areas likely cause the most trouble in the event of integration.

The FBI said it would "appreciate" any such information.

Any person having such knowledge can, if they desire, call R. N. Hosteny in Norfolk, or the Newport News offices of The Times-Herald.

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## Risky 'Investigation'

Indications that some irresponsible persons representing themselves as agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation are making inquiries here about "trouble spots" in connection with the school segregation problem are more than superficially disturbing. Such action, for one thing, is a criminal offense, as the F. B. I., in denying that its men are making any such survey, was quick to point out.

Impersonating an officer is a serious matter. It is true that a private citizen has many powers paralleling those of the police. But to represent himself as a police officer of any kind—local, state, or federal—cannot be tolerated, for what ought to be obvious reasons.

That is a general observation. In this particular case a great deal of harm could be done by irresponsible "investigation." Not that investigation, of itself, would necessarily be dangerous; for instance, by a person representing an organization with a legitimate interest in a situation.

Irresponsible "investigation" of "trouble spots" in connection with the school problem, however, under existing conditions might very readily lead to the very kind of friction all among us who have decent instincts would prefer to avoid. Conciliation, not inflammation, is needed just now.

We hope then that the F. B. I. is able to track down anyone making such an "investigation" under false colors. It has been stated that the F. B. I. would "appreciate" information of any such case, and that persons who have knowledge "can, if they desire," telephone Special Agent R. H. Hosteny of Norfolk. We would make it stronger: it is their duty.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (105-34237 Sub 56) DATE: 6/6/58

FROM: SAC, Norfolk (105-306)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
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Attention: Mr. FRED L. BAUMGARDNER
Internal Security Section

Synopsis:

On 5/28/58, with prior Bureau authority, [redacted] of Peninsula Citizens Council, interviewed by Bureau Agents as potential Source of Information for violations over which Bureau has investigative jurisdiction. At time of interview, she was specifically informed that the FBI has no interest in legitimate activities of Citizens Councils, but is interested only in violations within Bureau's investigative jurisdiction. She was cooperative and agreed to keep contact confidential. No other interviews in Newport News area conducted concerning this matter. On 5/29/58, reporter from Newport News, Va., newspaper contacted Norfolk Office and advised information had been received that FBI was investigating integration in public schools. Reporter asked if this information was true and he was informed that we were not conducting any such investigation. Reporter stated he did not know the names of any persons reporting such information. On 5/31/58, Managing Editor of Newport News newspaper contacted Norfolk Office and volunteered he learned that [redacted] reportedly had been questioned by FBI Agents and the FBI Agents were allegedly interested in future plans of the Citizens Council now that the time for integration was near. [redacted] and ARTHUR E. BYRNES, who interviewed [redacted] on 5/28/58, advised that [redacted] was informed that the Bureau has no interest in legitimate activities of Citizens Councils but is interested only in violations of laws within the Bureau's investigative jurisdiction. On 5/29/58 and 6/1/58, Newport News newspapers carried articles reporting persons who represented themselves as FBI Agents were investigating integration and FBI has denied that any such investigation is being conducted.

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Recommendations:

(1) The choice of [redacted] as a potential Source of Information appears to be a logical choice due to the fact that on 3/20/58, [redacted] a former Source of Information of the Norfolk Office, voluntarily advised that [redacted] had been a [redacted] the Peninsula Citizens Council but [redacted] present time due to the fact that she was [redacted] At that time, [redacted] also advised that [redacted] the Peninsula Citizens Council but appeared to be no longer interested in the Council. In view of the fact that [redacted] appeared to possibly be in a position to furnish information and because of the fact that she was reportedly no longer active in the Council, she appeared to be the most logical person to be the first contact in the Newport News area. The attached memoranda by SA's [redacted] and ARTHUR E. BYRNES indicate that they conducted the interview with [redacted] properly and in accordance with existing instructions. Therefore, no administrative action appears warranted and none is recommended.

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(2) Although the Newport News newspapers have not made any further inquiries other than the one inquiry on 5/29/58, which was followed by the call on 5/31/58, it is possible that the newspapers may later inquire concerning this particular incident. If any such inquiries should be received, I will continue to deny that FBI Agents are conducting any investigation concerning integration in the public schools UACB.

(3) The question also arises as to the advisability of recontacting Mrs. [redacted] and restating to her the exact purpose of our prior interview and again informing her that the FBI is not interested in integration matters but is only interested in specific matters over which we have investigative jurisdiction. It is my opinion that no purpose would be served by a recontact with [redacted] It appears that she cannot be fully trusted and the possibility exists that she might again contact the newspapers if she were recontacted by the FBI which, of course, could be a source of embarrassment to the Bureau.

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(4) Another question arises as to the advisability of contacting officials of the Newport News newspapers and advising them that inquiry has reflected that [redacted] was contacted by representatives of the FBI, together with an explanation as to the exact purpose of our contact with her. It is recommended that the Newport News newspapers not be contacted at this time for the above purpose and, as stated above, that if any further inquiries are received concerning investigation of integration in the public schools, that such inquiries be denied. b6 b7C b7D

Details:

Norfolk letter to Bureau dated 5/8/58 captioned, "PENINSULA CITIZENS COUNCIL, INTERNAL SECURITY - X," requested Bureau authority to interview [redacted] Newport News [redacted], Virginia, in connection with captioned matter. Bulet dated b6 b7C

5/21/58 granted Norfolk authority to contact [redacted]

On 5/28/58, [redacted] was contacted by SA [redacted] accompanied by SA ARTHUR E. BYRNES. The results of this interview are set forth in detail in the attached memoranda from SA's [redacted] and BYRNES, reflecting that [redacted] was specifically advised of the purpose of the interview and she was not questioned concerning integration. [redacted] was advised that the Bureau has no interest in legitimate activities of Citizens Councils but is interested only in violations of laws within the Bureau's investigative jurisdiction, particularly Civil Rights violations or information concerning possible acts of violence. [redacted] was cooperative, volunteered to be of assistance should any information within our jurisdiction come to her attention, and she agreed to keep the contact confidential.

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No other interviews in the Newport News area have been conducted concerning this matter.

A newspaper reporter apparently learned of the contact by FBI Agents with [redacted] possibly through [redacted] herself, because on 5/29/58, [redacted] reporter, TIMES HERALD, a daily newspaper of general circularization in Newport News, Virginia, contacted the Norfolk Office and advised he had received information from another reporter to the effect that the FBI was conducting an investigation regarding integration in the Newport News, Virginia, area involving public schools. [redacted] was informed that no such investigation was being conducted and that the FBI was not making any inquiry into the matter of integration in the public schools. [redacted] was further advised that we would appreciate the identity of any individual who has stated that the FBI was conducting an investigation of this nature. [redacted] replied that he did not know the names of such persons.

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Thereafter, on this same date, 5/29/58, Mr. NEASE's office was telephonically contacted and informed of [redacted] inquiry. At that time it was learned that [redacted] had also called the Bureau and [redacted] was informed by the Bureau that no investigation concerning integration was being conducted.

On 5/31/58, Mr [redacted] of the Newport News TIMES HERALD, telephonically contacted the Norfolk Office and advised that he learned from [redacted] that Mrs. [redacted] of Warwick, Virginia, had been questioned concerning integration matters by two individuals who displayed FBI credentials. According to [redacted] claimed that the FBI men wanted to know "what action was expected now that it appeared that time was drawing near for school mixing," and she indicated the FBI men were interested in future plans of the group. [redacted] did not seek any further information from the FBI at this time.

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On 5/29/58, an article appeared in the Newport News TIMES HERALD entitled, "Federal Agents Deny Probe of Trouble Spots," which indicates that unconfirmed reports had been received by the paper indicating the FBI was investigating integration trouble spots and the unconfirmed reports were denied by the FBI.

On 6/1/58, an editorial appeared in the Newport News DAILY PRESS, which newspaper is owned and published by the same company which publishes the TIMES HERALD, entitled, "Risky Investigation." This editorial points out that persons representing themselves as FBI Agents are making inquiries in connection with school integration problems, which has been denied by the FBI.

Two copies each of the above newspaper articles are attached.

To date, no further inquiries have been received concerning this matter from the Press.

Recommendations are set forth following the synopsis.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (105-34237) (Sub 56)

DATE: 7/12/58

FROM : SAC, Norfolk (105-306)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
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ReBulets 10/9/57 and 6/13/58.

In view of the discontinuance of this program, this file is being closed at Norfolk.

Norfolk fully realizes the responsibility of keeping interested Government agencies advised of actual or contemplated violence. The Bureau will be advised of all such information.

Norfolk presently has one source in this particular field, who is considered excellent. [redacted] of the DEFENDERS OF STATE SOVEREIGNTY AND INDIVIDUAL LIBERTIES and has assured his cooperation. b6 b7C b7D

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-34237-SUB.56) DATE: 12/5/62

FROM : SAC, NORFOLK (105-306) (C)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
(NORFOLK DIVISION)
RACIAL MATTERS

Re Bureau airtel to Atlanta dated 11/20/62.

1. COUNCILS

Peninsula Citizens Council (PCC) - Newport News Resident Agency - Norfolk file 105-287, Bureau file 105-53030.

On 6/5/56 and 6/21/56 [redacted] former source of information, Norfolk Office, advised that a meeting was held at [redacted] in Newport News, Virginia, and officers of a new organization to be known as the Peninsular Citizens Council were elected. In October, 1956, [redacted] advised that the PCC of Newport News, Virginia, was an independent organization, was not affiliated with the Citizens Councils of America or any other organization with a similar name. He said that the PCC was not incorporated. He further indicated that the PCC of Newport News, Virginia, was organized for the purpose of combating integration by legal means and that any person or group of persons advocating lawlessness or acts of irresponsibility would be expelled from that group.

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A local newspaper reported in March, 1959, that an excited group of 300 students from the College of William and Mary harassed seven members of the PCC who had picketed on the campus to protest against former Arkansas Congressman BROOKS HAYES who spoke at the College. The then PCC president, ANDERSON D. SMITH, of Newport News, Virginia, said the purpose of the picket protest, the first of such demonstrations ever made by the PCC, was to point out that former Congressman HAYES, who was against outside interference in the Arkansas segregation problems, was appearing in Virginia to agitate for pro-integration sentiments.

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In June and November, 1962, HENRY D. GARNETT, Judge, Court of Hustings, Newport News, Virginia, and former Commonwealth Attorney, Newport News, Virginia, advised that the PCC, as far as can be determined, is no longer active and has not held any meetings for several years. Judge GARNETT indicated that the leader of the PCC was [redacted] aka [redacted] whose whereabouts was unknown to Judge GARNETT.

In June, 1962, [redacted] source of information on racial matters and an admitted member of the Citizens Council of Mississippi, advised that he did not know of any citizens council group operating in Norfolk area.

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In 1957 [redacted] described the PCC as an autonomous group of approximately 100 families in the Newport News, Virginia area representing a membership of 240 to 250 people. In view of the fact this organization has received no publicity in recent years and reliable individuals have reported that the belief is the organization is no longer active and probably completely defunct, it is felt the membership figure above is completely out of line with existing membership figures, that is, those still interested in the group.

2. LEADERS

Peninsula Citizens Council (PCC) - Newport News Resident Agency

The [redacted] was [redacted] Bureau file [redacted]. The first set of officers elected to the PCC were:

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DEWEY L. STINSON, President, Newport News, Virginia;

EVERETT L. BOWDEN, First Vice President, Newport News, Virginia;

WILLIAM SCOTT STEPHENSON, Second Vice President, in charge of policy and finance, Newport News, Virginia

LLOYD O. MORRIS, Secretary-Treasurer, Newport News, Virginia;

Mrs. CYNTHIA STINSON, aka Mrs. DEWEY L. STINSON, part-time Secretary-Treasurer, Newport News, Virginia.

In 1958 [redacted] advised that he was a policy maker for the organization at that time and that the new set of officers were: b6 b7C

ANDREW FLOYD SMITH, JR., President;

ANDERSON D. SMITH, Vice President;

LLOYD O. MORRIS, Treasurer;

[redacted] Policy Makers;

all of Newport News, Virginia.

In May, 1958, the Bureau authorized contact with [redacted] concerning PCC. After Bureau Agents contacted [redacted] she apparently contacted local press, even though [redacted] assured Bureau Agents that the contact would be kept confidential. [redacted] at this contact identified [redacted] as the motivating force in the PCC. b6 b7C

On 11/29/62 [redacted] United States Post Office Inspector in Newport News, Virginia, advised that [redacted] relinquished his Post Office box [redacted] Virginia, in May, 1960, and gave a change of address on 4/11/60 to Post Office [redacted] Virginia, Postal Inspector said that mail is still being forwarded to the Richmond Post Office box. b7D

On 11/29/62 Chief of Police W. T. PEACH (NA), Newport News, Virginia, advised that [redacted] was no longer living in Newport News and that he is now residing in Richmond, Virginia. Chief PEACH said that he spoke with [redacted] former wife in Newport News approximately a week ago and she indicated that [redacted] was presently in Richmond, Virginia. b6 b7C

In April, 1960, Richmond Office advised that [redacted] was then residing at [redacted] Avenue, Richmond, Virginia.

3. COVERAGE OF COUNCILS

The activities of the PCC have been followed through local press and through contacts with established sources since the Bureau directed that no further efforts be made to develop informant coverage in the Citizens Councils (Bureau letter to Atlanta dated 6/13/58).

[redacted] has been confidentially contacted in the past in connection with the PCC and [redacted] fully understands the position of the Bureau in connection with any inquiries. b6 b7C b7D

National Academy graduates have also been utilized in connection with contacts concerning the PCC.

In view of the inactivity of the PCC in recent past, very few contacts have been necessary.

4. POTENTIAL FOR VIOLENCE

It is not believed that the PCC would engage in violence. It is to be noted that the Newport News, Virginia public schools were integrated without incident in September, 1961.

There is no evidence that the PCC was, or is, infiltrated with members of the Ku Klux Klan or hate groups.

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WINDSOR CITIZENS' COUNCIL
RACIAL MATTERS
(OO: Norfolk)

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Enclosed for the Bureau and Jackson are 8 copies and 2 copies respectively of an LHM regarding captioned Windsor Citizens' Council. Enclosed for Richmond is one copy of LHM for its information since Windsor, Virginia, is close to the Richmond territory.

Copies of the LHM have been furnished locally to ONI, OSI, INTC and Secret Service.

Indices, Norfolk, do not reveal any identifiable information with the Windsor Citizens' Council [redacted] b6 b7C

The Norfolk Office does not contemplate any investigation concerning captioned organization, however, it will remain alert to obtain information through [redacted] and established sources in the Windsor, Isle of Wight County, Virginia. b6 b7C b7D

Jackson will furnish the Norfolk Office with any pertinent information contained in its file concerning the Citizens' Council of America not already in possession of Norfolk Office.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

*In Reply, Please Refer to File No.*

Norfolk, Virginia

November 24, 1964

Re: Windsor Citizens' Council

On November 17, 1964 [redacted] Isle of Wight County, Virginia, advised that he had received the following letter in an envelope postmarked November 12, 1964 at Windsor, Virginia, addressed to him as [redacted] This envelope contained the return address of Post Office Box 188, Windsor, Virginia:

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"WINDSOR CITIZENS COUNCIL
Organization Committee
Windsor, Virginia

Address Mail To:
Windsor Citizens'
Council
P.O. Box 188
Windsor, Virginia

"Fellow Citizen:

"The time has come for the reasoning citizenry of Windsor to stand together in opposition to things disruptive to our harmony, tranquility and good order.

"A group of your fellow citizens concerned about matters which may threaten our area have been meeting together to find a solution to these problems. Each of us has seen and read about the violence, chaos and lawlessness which has come to many communities throughout the nation. Reason tells us these things are not caused by the hooligans who do them, but are due to the refusal of decent people to act.

"Many good people believe it is only 'the other person' who is hurt by what is happening -- it is always 'the other person' who sells his home at a loss, who is laid off because of a quota system, whose child is hauled far away to another school. The injured policeman is always 'the other person's' husband, just as the crying, molested child belongs to someone else. Only at the last minute do we discover the 'other person' is 'ourselves.' This committee believes the answer to our problem is to band together -- ORGANIZE -- to defend ourselves from these threats.

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"On Wednesday evening, November 18, 1964 there will be a meeting at the Community House in Windsor at 7:30 p.m.

"At this meeting the Windsor Citizens' Council will be organized as an affiliate of the Citizens' Councils of America.

"By attending this meeting you and other citizens can become a part of this very necessary undertaking. Let us act here and now and together, to see that not one of us ever becomes that unfortunate 'other person' we read about each day in the newspapers.

"Kindly take a moment -- NOW -- to indicate on the bottom of this letter whether you are planning to attend our organization meeting. Detach your reply and mail it in the enclosed envelope. Please make every effort to attend. We are looking forward to seeing you on November 18th!

Local Sponsors:

[redacted]

On Behalf of the
WINDSOR CITIZENS' COUNCIL
Organization Committee:

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/s/ [redacted]

[redacted] stated that attached to the bottom of the above letter was a form on which to indicate whether the recipient of the letter would attend the meeting mentioned in the letter. [redacted] stated that as [redacted] he would attend the meeting in order to determine the nature of the organization and purpose of the meeting.

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[redacted] stated that various citizens in the Windsor Community, which is in Isle of Wight County, Virginia, have received copies of the above letter inviting them to the meeting.

[redacted] furnished the following information concerning the four individuals listed on the bottom of the above-mentioned letter:

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[redacted] B. APPROX. 1921 [redacted] approximately 43 years of age, operates [redacted] on Virginia Route [redacted] Windsor, Virginia. He is married and his wife operates the [redacted] has worked and lived in the Windsor area for approximately [redacted] and it was [redacted] understanding that he had come to that area from [redacted] Virginia area which is located in the adjacent county of [redacted] Virginia. [redacted] stated that it had been rumored that [redacted] is a former [redacted] but [redacted] doubts the veracity of this information.

B. APPROX. [redacted] Walter Barton, Sr., is a white male in his late fifties who lives on Virginia Route 258, Windsor, VA. He is married and has two grown children. Barton is employed as a mechanic with Montgomery Ward, Suffolk, Virginia.

B. APPROX. 1942 [redacted] is a white male, approximately 22 years of age, is single, resides in Windsor, formerly attended Windsor High School and is employed with the [redacted] Virginia.

[redacted] is a white male, approximately 32-33 years of age and is a [redacted] who lives in [redacted] VA. B. APPROX. 1931-32

[redacted] advised that [redacted] Virginia, had told him that in conversation with [redacted] stated that the Windsor Citizens' Council was to be part of a national organization and the purpose of the Windsor Citizens' Council would be to have lobbyist in Washington, D.C., to work for and to attempt to have the Civil Rights Act of 1964 appealed, particularly the Public Accommodations Provisions and the Barber Shop clause under these provisions.

[redacted] stated that [redacted] had rented the Community House from the Windsor Community House Association, [redacted] is secretary.

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[redacted] stated that race relations in the Windsor County area are very good between the Negroes and white citizens and he is quite concerned about the formation of this organization as he does not desire any racial trouble stirred up in the County.

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On November 17, 1964 [redacted] Windsor Community House Association, advised that [redacted] telephoned her recently requesting to rent the Community House on the night of November 18, 1964, for a meeting which he described as being for humanitarian purposes and non-political.

On November 19, 1964 [redacted] advised that he had attended the meeting of the Windsor Citizens' Council on November 18, 1964 at the Community House, Windsor. This meeting was presided over by [redacted] and approximately 21 people were present, including three of its founders, [redacted] Watter E. Barton, Sr., and [redacted] In addition, there were three unidentified individuals reportedly from Georgia and two or three from Richmond, Virginia, who reportedly were doctors, although they certainly did not appear to be so. In addition, the following individuals from the general area of Windsor were present:

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[redacted] APPROX. 1942-1943 white male, age 21-22, resident of Suffolk, Virginia; [redacted] and [redacted] APPROX. 1939 lives in Windsor, Virginia, a white male, approximately 25 years of age; [redacted] Virginia, white male, APPROX. 1943-44 age 20-21, who is the [redacted] white male lives on Virginia Route [redacted] in the vicinity of [redacted] County Courthouse, Virginia; [redacted] wife of [redacted] mentioned above.

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VA!

[redacted] stated he did not recognize the remaining individuals in attendance.

[redacted] stated he did not join this organization but that most of the individuals present did.

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[redacted] advised that [redacted] stated the Windsor Citizens' Council is part of a national organization known as the Citizens' Councils of America, which was founded in Jackson, Mississippi, where its headquarters are located. [redacted] also stated at the meeting that the organization had not yet been chartered as an organization in the State of Virginia.

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E. APPROX. 1922

[redacted] stated that [redacted] white male, approximately 42, who stated he was from Washington, D.C., and had been born in [redacted] Maryland, who is on the Board of National Directors of the Citizens' Councils of America, attended the meeting to assist in the formation of the Windsor Citizens' Council.

VA.

[redacted] advised that [redacted] did almost all of the speaking and stated the meeting had been called as the white people had been pushed as far as they could be pushed by civil rights groups. [redacted] said it was a question of either fighting these groups or joining them. He stated that they needed the Windsor Citizens' Council. He stated the Civil Rights Act of 1964 in its present form as passed by the U.S. Congress is detrimental to the white people of the United States.

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[redacted] stated that the nominating committee of the Windsor Citizens' Council presented a slate of candidates for the four officiating positions. [redacted] was only able to learn the names of [redacted]. He was not certain for which positions these two individuals had been nominated but stated that neither [redacted] was present at the meeting.

VA.

[redacted] stated that [redacted] is a white male who lives in Windsor, Virginia, area and reportedly has worked at various jobs. [redacted] is a white male who is a [redacted] Virginia.

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[redacted] stated that [redacted] informed those present at the meeting that a secret meeting had been called previously at which it had been decided that the organization was to be called the Windsor Citizens' Council because the meetings would be held in Windsor, Virginia.

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[redacted] stated [redacted] informed those present that the dues for the members of this organization would be $2 monthly, of which $1 would go to the local organization, sixty cents would be sent to the national headquarters, Jackson, Mississippi, and forty cents would pay for the subscription to the CITIZEN, which is the official journal of the Citizens' Councils of America.

[redacted] stated that he had seen [redacted] on the morning of [redacted] had asked what he thought of the meeting of the organization. [redacted] stated he replied that the racial situation in the Isle of Wight County was good, that they did not need an organization like the Windsor Citizens' Council, that the organization could accomplish no good in the County and that [redacted] meeting on the prior night had not harmed anything yet and that [redacted] should disband his efforts to form such a council and to forget the whole matter.

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